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CASE
OF THE
Roman Catholicks of IRELAND.
In Relation to
The Oath of Supremacy,

Humbly Represented to the Honourable the House of Commons of Ireland.

KING WILLIAM the Third of Glorious Memory, by the Articles made on the Surrender of *Limerick*, and Ratify'd under the Great Seal of *England*; Granted to the said *Roman Catholicks*, such Priviledges in the Exercise of their Religion, as were then Consistent with the Laws of *Ireland*, or as they did enjoy in the Reign of King *Charles* the Second: And that when a Parliament were Summon'd in *Ireland*, he would endeavour to procure the said *Roman Catholicks* such farther Security in that Particular, as may preserve them from any Disturbance upon Account of their Religion, taking the Oath of Allegiance Enacted in the First Year of his Reign, and no other.

AND, by an Act of Parliament in *England*, made in the Third Year of his Reign, Entituled, *An Act for Abrogating the Oath of Supremacy in Ireland, and Appointing other Oaths*. All Persons adjudg'd to be Comprised in the said Articles, are provided for, and exempted from all other the Oaths thereby appointed.

THAT the said Articles in Relation to Property, are Confirm'd by an Act of Parliament of *Ireland*, made in the Reign of the said King of *Glorious Memory*, and all the Right, Title, Interest, Claim and Demand, of all Persons adjudg'd to be Comprised in the said Articles, are provided for and excepted in the late Act of Reassumption of the Forfeited Estates in *Ireland*.

THAT the latter Part of the Oath of Supremacy, contained in the Heads of a Bill now before the Honourable the House of Commons, for the Security of his Majesty's Person and Government, is inconsistent with the Religion profess'd by the said *Roman Catholicks*, and the Pains and Penalties thereby appointed for neglecting or refusing it, tend to the utter Ruin of such Liberties and Properties, and the Publick Faith, to them Granted and Preserved by the said Articles, and the said several Acts of Parliament; and also to the Prejudice of Trade and Traffick, carried on by the *Roman Catholick* Merchants of this Kingdom.

THAT neither Age or Sex are by the said Heads of a Bill exempt from the said Oath of Supremacy. And the Meek, Quiet, Peaceable and good Behaviour of the said *Roman Catholicks*, ever since his present Majesty's Accession to the Crown, intitles them to the Indulgence of the said Honourable House, and continue and preserve to them the Benefit of the said Articles, and of the said several Acts of Parliament.

THAT the said Part of the Oath of Supremacy, so Repugnant to the Religion of the said *Roman Catholicks*, no way Concerns their Fidelity or Loyalty to the King's Person and Government, tho' it very much afflicts their Consciences; and they being ready to take the first Part of the said Oath, and also the Oath of Allegiance; and being already by Law obliged to take the Oath of Abjuration: It is most humbly hop'd by them, That this Honourable House will have Compassion on them, and in Regard to the Glorious Memory of that Prince who Granted to them those Articles, will now permit them to enjoy the Benefit of them, and of those Acts of Parliament which gave them a further Sanction; And the rather, that in the respective Reigns of the said Kings, they were oblig'd to take the Oath of Allegiance, and no other.

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